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Time For Our Bold Move

SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES, in his address to the American Legion convention, displayed a little more caution than he has been showing in his remarks concerning Soviet Russia...not that Mr. Dulles ever is over-bold in his statements.

The secretary of state, by the very nature of his position must use utmost care in his public pronouncements. To the Legion, Mr. Dulles explained that the West is perplexed by Russia's attitude. We must, he said, follow a policy that will not rebuff a sincere Soviet effort to further world peace. At the same time, we must use extreme care that we do not fall into a trap that would have disastrous results for the free world.

STRESSES CAUTION

Mr. Dulles stressed our caution. He showed none of the bright optimism seen in some British statesmen concerning the world situation.

Recently, Mr. Dulles' brother, Mr. Allen Dulles, head of our Central Intelligence agency, in a statement said he had no information to indicate Russia is backing down on the Cold War. The Reds are pushing the subversive campaign of international communism as usual, he said.

And, from Paris comes word that military commanders of the Western alliance have warned the democracies that the Soviet Union is constructing a powerful "iron wedge" to split the free world in event of war.

The allied military leaders declared flatly Russia is increasing her armed strength under cover of her new "smiling diplomacy."

NATO defense ministers were told at Paris Monday that Russia already has built, ready for instant operation, the greatest submarine fleet the world ever has known. Its swift modern subs outnumber those of all other nations of the world combined, said NATO leaders. The latest figures show at least 300 Red subs. Hitler had 65 when War II began.

WHERE LIES WISDOM?

It seems to us a very great question whether it is the part of wisdom for the Western Alliance to mark time while the Soviet Union plays its little game out to the inevitable finish.

We have been dancing while the Reds called the tune. We still are doing it.

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The Russian reversal of attitude since last spring has offered the West a unique opportunity to seize the initiative in the Cold War.

We could have made a bolder bid for West German support...to the people themselves. We could have been less afraid of hurting Russian feelings ...as when Mr. Dulles addressed the opening sessions of the UN this fall, and, speaking of Red China, said, "the record of this Communist regime has been an evil one."

But, nothing was said about Russia, the master mind of the communist world.

In our caution to avert stirring up Russia, and trouble, are we giving the rest of the world the idea that we are too afraid of Russia to criticize her openly?

If so, what must the world think of America's tradition for boldness and courageous outspoken principles of justice and fair play?

While Russia backed off slightly, and began a new propaganda piece all set with smiles, was it the part of wisdom for us to continue to mark time, and to await while Russia again takes the initiative, which it seldom has lost?

The Soviet "smiles" campaign seems to have been taken almost with contempt for the U. S., almost as though the Kremlin was smugly sure the U. S. would not dare to seize the initiative while the Reds played out their new game.

All of the real evidence at hand today shows that Russia is aiming, as it has been, to maneuver the West into a position of relative defenselessness.

The proofs are numerous. First, is the Russian insistence for eliminating all atomic weapons ...the weapon in which we are strongest? But, Russia, of course, gives no real assurance that she, at the same time, also will eliminate all atomic weapons.

She is playing her "smiles" diplomacy now to weaken the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. She is endeavoring to make the West believe it is pointless to maintain big armed forces, "since Russia is so friendly."

Already, Britain wants to cut her armed strength 12 per cent. France, too, is moving forces from NATO to Africa, without replenishing her NATO forces. West Germany is uncertain.

The Russian "smiles" maneuver is succeeding ...while we mark time, and wait docilely for Russia's next bold move.

We raise the question whether a bold move by our side might be the part of true wisdom.

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